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Welcome to 2023 **A Message from Dr. Lee, President & CEO**

January 4, 2023

Happy New Year, and welcome back! I hope each of you enjoyed the *Quiet Holiday Period* and were able to spend time recharging and reconnecting with your loved ones.

As we kick off the new year and a new quarter, I'm excited to see what we will accomplish together in the coming months.

Thank you to our faculty, administrators, staff, alums, and the Board of Trustees, whose determination, solutions-centered efforts, and commitment to the Pacifica community enabled us to emerge from the pandemic and a leadership transition with a renewed focus on student-first.

So much was accomplished last year, including launching key initiatives that will advance Pacifica as a leader in our fields and enhance student experience and success. From investments made in our technology and facilities to enhancements in program delivery and assessment, we are prime to continue our evolution and impact as an organization moving into the future. We also continue to focus on expanding our community outreach and support, both internally and externally, with our Pacifica Online and Alumni Relations offices at the forefront of such efforts. In addition to co-hosting the Portals to the Imaginal Conference in October and offering many, rich online programs, [Pacifica Online](#) has recently received renewed approval as a CAMFT-recognized continuing education provider. Additionally, let us salute the important community work of our [PGIAA Support Network](#), whose CareLine (805-679-6163) fielded over 1500 calls in 2022 from students, alums, family, friends, and community members.

As part of my first 100 day tour, I was pleased to host over 20 listening, learning, and connecting sessions with 300+ staff, administrators, faculty, and students and meetings with dozens of alums, civil leaders, and community members. These broad stakeholder engagements gave me an unprecedented opportunity to share my vision for Pacifica and, more importantly, hear from many of you directly on your experiences and ideas. I have several scheduled listening sessions in January, and I look forward to continuing with a similar model of engagement and dialogue in the future.

The executive leadership team and I remain committed to enhancing communication and engagement in partnership with you, and as such, have enacted the following actions to allow for greater accessibility and more frequent opportunities to connect:

- **Teamwork Thursdays** – Monthly meetings for faculty and staff to gather for institutional updates, celebrating achievements, and sharing of ideas. First one is scheduled for Thurs, Jan 12.
- **Coffee with Pacifica's Leadership** - Events will be scheduled quarterly for students, faculty and staff to visit with the administration in an informal setting (virtually and in-person with coffee/refreshments)
- **Eye on Pacifica** – Monthly video updates from the Office of the President & CEO with institutional news and highlights.

May the light of the New Year envelope your days with fresh energy, new inspirations, and greater triumphs. With this in mind, let us resolve to rededicate ourselves to living up to the highest levels of our institution's values as we partner to accelerate the progress of our beloved Pacifica and those we serve.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lee Mathison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Lee